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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please revise the claims as follows:**

1. (Currently amended) A liquid-crystal display comprising:

a liquid-crystal layer provided between a pair of substrates so as to be oriented to bend alignment; and

a phase compensation plate provided for the an outside of each of the substrates, a retardation of a light passing through said liquid-crystal layer and said phase compensation plates being limited to a value  $\frac{1}{2}$  or less of a minimum wavelength of said light relating to display; and

a circuit to selectively apply a voltage across said liquid-crystal layer, said voltage being equalized for all colors in said liquid-crystal display.

2. (Original Claim) The liquid-crystal display according to claim 1, wherein a birefringent index of a liquid-crystal molecule in said liquid-crystal layer is equal to or less than 0.16.

3. (Original Claim) The liquid-crystal display according to claim 1, wherein said minimum wavelength is based on a color having said minimum wavelength among colors relating to color display.

4. (Original Claim) The liquid-crystal display according to claim 3, wherein said minimum wavelength of said light is based on blue color.

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5. (Original Claim) The liquid-crystal display according to claim 3, wherein said minimum wavelength of said light ranges between 380 nm and 488 nm.

6. (Original Claim) The liquid-crystal display according to claim 4, wherein said minimum wavelength of said light ranges between 380 nm and 488 nm.

7. (Withdrawn - currently amended) A method of making compensating an electrooptical characteristic of a liquid crystal display, said liquid crystal display including a plurality of color filters on a first substrate, said color filters including a plurality of colors, a liquid-crystal layer provided between said color filters and a second substrate so as to be oriented to bend alignment, ~~and a phase compensation plate outside each of said first substrate and said second substrate, a plurality of electrodes associated with said color filters, and a circuit selectively providing a voltage to said electrodes,~~ said method comprising:

determining a color from said plurality of colors having a shortest wavelength; and  
forming said liquid-crystal ~~layer display~~ so that a retardation of a light passing through said liquid-crystal layer and said phase compensation plates is limited in range between zero and a value of  $\frac{1}{2}$  a wavelength of said shortest wavelength during a predetermined range of said bend orientation state of said liquid-crystal layer; and  
providing a same voltage level to be applied selectively to all of said plurality of electrodes.

8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7, wherein said shortest wavelength color corresponds to a blue color filter.

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9. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7, wherein said shortest wavelength falls in a range between 380 nm and 488 nm.

10. (Currently amended) A liquid-crystal display comprising:

a first substrate;

a common electrode and a plurality of color filters on said first substrate, said color filters including a plurality of colors, one of said colors having a shortest color wavelength;

a second substrate supporting a plurality of electrodes;

a liquid-crystal layer provided between said color filters and ~~a~~ said second substrate, said liquid-crystal layer having a predetermined range of driving voltages in a bend alignment orientation state; and

a phase compensation plate outside each of said first substrate and said second substrate,

wherein said liquid-crystal layer is formed such that, during said predetermined range of driving voltages, a retardation of a light passing through said liquid-crystal layer and said phase compensation plates is limited in range between zero and a value of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of said shortest color wavelength, allowing a single voltage level to be applied selectively to said electrodes.

11. (Previously presented) The liquid-crystal of claim 10, wherein said shortest wavelength color corresponds to a blue color filter.

12. (Previously presented) The liquid-crystal of claim 10, wherein said shortest wavelength falls in a range between 380 nm and 488 nm.